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MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital, £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital, £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chan Ku Shun, Esq.,
H. Stollmeyer, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS.

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Pariss Banking Co. and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,993.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTESS BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [32]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months, 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

Masonic.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREE-
MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY,
the 19th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1894. [90]

VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 535.

A REGULAR CONVOCAION of the
above Chapter will be held in the FREE-
MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY,
the 19th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1894. [95]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Business heretofore conducted by the
MITSU BISHI COLLEGE will from and after the
1st January, 1894, be carried on by a Limited
Partnership under the name of the MITSU
BISHI GOSHI-KWAI-HA (MITSU BISHI
CO., LD.) of which Mr. IWA-NAKI HISAYA is
the Managing Partner.

AGENTS:
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
H. U. JEFFRIES,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [84]

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK BROUGHAM MAR-
SHALL has this day been admitted a
PARTNER in our firm.

TAIT & Co. [78]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street).

THE Underigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
per Menu or ORDER—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person, \$35.00
Tiffin, \$15.00
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast, \$0.50
Tiffin, \$0.75
Dinner, \$1.00
SPECIAL TIFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893. [31]

Insurances.

THE
STANDARD
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will be
entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE LION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

WE have this Day been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, and
are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS at CURRENT
RATES.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1894. [65]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO £1,000,000

RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., Chairman,
LOU TEO SHUM, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [274]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
CIGARS, WINES, &c.

THE Underigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW,
TUESDAY, the 16th January, 1894,
commencing at 2.10 P.M.,
at his SALE ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET.

To Close Consignment.

MANILA CIGARS of the well-known brand
of the CIE. GE. ERALE DE TOBACOS
MARIA CRISTINA and other MANUFACT-
URERS.

500 lbs. AMERICAN SMOKING MIXTURE
in perfect Condition.

AT THE SAME TIME THERE WILL BE SOLD
12 CASES POMMEKY and GRENOS
CHAMPAGNE in lots.

35 CASES NUREMBERG BEER in lots
and quarts, in first-class Condition, quality
equal to MUNICH BEER.

FINE
WHISKIES, SHERRY, BRANDY and other
LIQUORS.

The above will be Sold in Lots to suit pur-
chasers.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1894. [98]

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
JAPANESE WARE AND WORKS OF ART.

THE Underigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1894,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALE ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET.
(Received from Japan.)

A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF
JAPANESE WARE AND WORKS OF ART
Comprising:—

Every branch of JAPANESE ART INDU-
STRY! This is one of the FINEST COLLEC-
TIONS that has been offered to the public for
some years past.

Descriptive Catalogues will be offered previous
to the sale, and the Articles will be on view
from Friday, the 19th inst., till the 21st.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1894. [100]

Intimations.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
68, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW STOCK OF SADDLERY.

RACING GEAR.

STABLE REQUISITES.

RACING SADDLES, WHIPS, BRIDLES, WEIGHT CLOTHS, SADDLE CLOTHS,
ROLLERS, GIRTHS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1893. [50]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [108]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

WITH A VIEW TO EFFECTING A CLEARANCE, WE OFFER THE WHOLE
STOCK OF OUR
PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES,

MOSTLY IN CABINET SIZE, AT A DISCOUNT OF 25 PER CENT.

A SELECTION OF OVER 500 TO CHOCSE FROM.

THIS OFFER WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE MONTH
OF JANUARY ONLY.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 11th January, 1894. [6]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED
5,000 NEW CHEAP NOVELS.

WALLACE'S PRINCE OF INDIA, author
Ben Hur.
A 1 Telegraph Code.
Gibbie's Text Book of Geology.
New Queen's Regulations.
All the Christmas Annuals.
Gentlemen's Brown Russia and Calf Walking
Boots and Shoes.

Dancing Pumps.
New Stock Solid-sole Tennis Shoes.
Also the Renshaw Shoe.
Association and Rugby Footballs.
Indian Clubs.
Chevalier's New Song, "Nipper's Lullaby."
New Dance Music.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1894. [40]

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1894. [75]

Intimations.

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILD-
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the COMPANY will be held at the Company's
Registered Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of
January instant, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the pur-
pose of considering and, if thought fit, passing
the following Resolution, that is to say:—

"That THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND
BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, be
wound-up voluntarily under the provisions
of the Companies Ordinance 1863 to 1890,
and that HART BUCK of Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby
appointed Liquidator for the purposes of
such Winding-up."

Dated the 9th day of January, 1894.
By Order of the Board.

JOHN A. JUPP,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
held in the Office of the Company, No.
9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 20th
January, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors and State-
ment of Accounts to the 31st October, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 20th inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. A. DUFF,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1894. [72]

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS, HONGKONG.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of MEMBERS will be held
in the Rooms, No. 13, Praya Central, on
MONDAY, the 22nd January, at 8.45 P.M., for
the purpose of receiving the Report of Managing
Committee and Statement of Accounts to the
31st December, 1893.

ROBERT MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1894. [88]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTH
ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at
the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12
o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors together with Statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st December,
1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company
will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th
to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both
days inclusive, during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered).

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [82]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of
the SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be
held at the Company's Office, Victoria Build-
ings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January,
1894, at 12.30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Board of Directors together
with the Statement of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be
CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th to WEDNES-
DAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclu-
sive, during which period no Transfer of Shares
can be registered).

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Company, Limited,
General Agents for the West Point
Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1894. [83]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Com-
pany's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY,
the 22nd January, 1894, at NOON, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts for the
twelve months ending 31st December, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 22nd to
MONDAY, the 29th January, 1894, (both days
inclusive), during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Company, Limited,
Agents for the Kowloon Land and
Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1894. [99]

STRAYED

FROM Pedder's Hill yesterday afternoon, a
POINTER PUPPY. The Finder will
oblige by returning the animal to
"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
OFFICE.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ,
are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to
Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast),
Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through
Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the
Underigned for countersignature.

LAUTS WIGENER & Co.
Hongkong, 9th November, 1893. [189]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND KEELUNG.
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"
Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1894. [101]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.
THE Steamship

"BULMOUTH,"
Captain Scott, will be despatched for the above
Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 30th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1894. [61]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"MACMILLAN,"
Guthrie, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1893. [37]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"BANGALORE,"
Condon, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [39]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"KENILWORTH,"
Baker, Master, now at Shanghai, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1893. [38]

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ,
JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH,
HOEDDEA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "POSEIDON"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception of
oil, are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery
may be obtained.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Venice, ex S.S. "CARLOTTA," trans-
shipped at Trieste.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. "AGLAIA," trans-
shipped at Colombo.

Intimations.

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

We invite attention to our STOCKS
OF
CONFECTIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.

TWO Australian miners who have been for some time engaged at Raub, passed through Singapore the other day on their way back to the Colonies, and expressed a conviction that the mine has a great future before it.

THE Stamp revenue for last year amounted to \$161,261.20, a decrease of \$9,813 on the \$171,074.56 collected in 1892. Some transfers amounted to only \$4,719.70, a falling off of \$5,056.60 compared with the previous year.

It is reported that the First Chamber of the Netherlands States General has approved the treaty about to be signed by Portugal and Holland, fixing the boundaries of their respective possessions in Timor and the Solor Islands.

THE receipts of the Tokyo Tramway Company on the New Year's Day are stated to have been 936 yen, the largest amount ever received in a single day. The Company's receipts during the latter half of last year were 88,489 yen, or an increase of 12,779 yen on the same period of 1892.

DURING the month of December 403 deaths were registered in the colony. Of these the Tung Wa Hospital was responsible for 93, the Asile de la S. E. 71, and the Italian Convent 30. There were 10 deaths amongst the British and foreign civil communities, two from the Army, and one from the Navy.

ACCORDING to the *Hypoc News* rumours are current to the effect that the action against the P. & O. in the *Chittima-Ravenna* case, is to be dropped, in accordance with the advice of a body of Commandants of Admiralty stations convened by the Minister of the Navy in Tokyo on the 20th ult.

A DIAMOND of very pure water, weighing 133 carats, was found at the Jagersfontein Mine, South Africa, on December 4th. The finder of the stone was Mr. Samson, the overseer, and the management at once made him a present of £100. Can this be Hongkong's very own "James"? we wonder?

A WONDERFUL place Japan, and a curious people the Japanese. Here is the latest bal-riser from the home of the *ethia*, according to the native paper *Kokumin*:—"The wife of a fisherman at Shimohama in Hayami-gun, Oita-ken, gave birth on the 2nd ult. to six livers! They were each nine inches long, with black backs, and cruciform spine."

By special request an extra performance of "Princess Toto" will be given by the A. D. C. in the Theatre Royal to-morrow afternoon, for the benefit of the collection of Peasants and children generally. Special rates have been arranged for the latter and the show is to begin at 6 o'clock. Seats and books of the opera may be secured at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co's.

£5 sterling each was the sum and substance of the magisterial prescription allotted to the three cargo-boatsmen arrested by Inspector Quincey and proved, to the satisfaction of Mr. H. E. Wedderburn, the presiding magistrate, to have been in unlawful possession of 19 bags of brown sugar, presumably stolen from sugar-laden lighters. Rather than go up for two months the defendants, who said they had no idea how the sugar got into their vessel, paid up like men.

LAST but by no means least in the long list of X-mas souvenirs forwarded to this office during the past month comes the Lion Fire Insurance Co's finely finished card, the leading features of which are a picture of a huge and ill-tempered lion (one of the good old British type that must not be tampered with) with the statement "for my settlements" just above the lion's head. The lion's mane is rendered in a most artistic and suggestive manner. Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co. are the local agents for the "Lion."

CHINESE burglars in Singapore have fallen back on the once generally followed practice of adorning their tails with fish-hooks, skewers and other harmless toys when in pursuit of their calling. One of these enterprising individuals was caught red-handed in that colony the other day and when he was turned over to the police for examination it was found his queue was a false one and that it was literally alive with shapened skewers; indeed, his captors had the intention of badly lacerating it by his specially prepared and highly-involving appendage that he was seized.

A TELEGRAM dated Bombay 28th ultimo states that the freight to Japan by the steamers of the P. & O. and the Austrian Lloyd and the Rubatino Companies, are now quoted at Rs. 3 per ton for wheat or cotton, in contrast to Rs. 17 per ton with a discount of 15 per cent which has been the figure maintained for some years past. This sudden fall is ascribed to the opening of the Japanese line of steamers with the intention of competing for the carrying trade between Bombay, China and Japan. The old standing steamers have reduced their rates to practically a nominal quotation.

UNITED STATES COINAGE COMMITTEE.

The Coinage Committee of the United States House of Representatives has reported in favour of the Blank Act, the issue of silver certificates against silver bullion in the Treasury amounting to upwards of fifty-five millions of dollars, and rapid coinage of bullion.

PENANG DENIED A ROYAL COMMISSION.

Sir Sydney C. Buxton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated the Marquis of Ripon did not consider a Royal Commission to enquire into the alleged grievances of Penang was necessary. That he had asked the Governor of the Straits Settlements to consider the advisability of occasional Legislative Council Meetings being held at Penang; and hoped Penang would be consulted with regard to local public works.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Mercury* arrived here to-day from Newcastle which put the left on the 10th; the *Pallas* also arrived from Singapore.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended January 14th are:—Europeans, 156; Chinese, 1,834; total 1,990.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Argyll* left Singapore to-day for this port, and is due on or about the 22nd inst.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals' report for 1893 from which we propose to give a few facts in to-morrow's issue.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* that Lieut. John Armstrong of the Hongkong Volunteers has been granted one year's leave of absence from the 4th inst.

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ACCORDING to the *Hypoc News* rumours are current to the effect that the action against the P. & O. in the *Chittima-Ravenna* case, is to be dropped, in accordance with the advice of a body of Commandants of Admiralty stations convened by the Minister of the Navy in Tokyo on the 20th ult.

A DIAMOND of very pure water, weighing 133 carats, was found at the Jagersfontein Mine, South Africa, on December 4th. The finder of the stone was Mr. Samson, the overseer, and the management at once made him a present of £100. Can this be Hongkong's very own "James"? we wonder?

A WONDERFUL place Japan, and a curious people the Japanese. Here is the latest bal-riser from the home of the *ethia*, according to the native paper *Kokumin*:—"The wife of a fisherman at Shimohama in Hayami-gun, Oita-ken, gave birth on the 2nd ult. to six livers! They were each nine inches long, with black backs, and cruciform spine."

By special request an extra performance of "Princess Toto" will be given by the A. D. C. in the Theatre Royal to-morrow afternoon, for the benefit of the collection of Peasants and children generally. Special rates have been arranged for the latter and the show is to begin at 6 o'clock. Seats and books of the opera may be secured at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co's.

£5 sterling each was the sum and substance of the magisterial prescription allotted to the three cargo-boatsmen arrested by Inspector Quincey and proved, to the satisfaction of Mr. H. E. Wedderburn, the presiding magistrate, to have been in unlawful possession of 19 bags of brown sugar, presumably stolen from sugar-laden lighters. Rather than go up for two months the defendants, who said they had no idea how the sugar got into their vessel, paid up like men.

LAST but by no means least in the long list of X-mas souvenirs forwarded to this office during the past month comes the Lion Fire Insurance Co's finely finished card, the leading features of which are a picture of a huge and ill-tempered lion (one of the good old British type that must not be tampered with) with the statement "for my settlements" just above the lion's head. The lion's mane is rendered in a most artistic and suggestive manner. Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co. are the local agents for the "Lion."

CHINESE burglars in Singapore have fallen back on the once generally followed practice of adorning their tails with fish-hooks, skewers and other harmless toys when in pursuit of their calling. One of these enterprising individuals was caught red-handed in that colony the other day and when he was turned over to the police for examination it was found his queue was a false one and that it was literally alive with shapened skewers; indeed, his captors had the intention of badly lacerating it by his specially prepared and highly-involving appendage that he was seized.

A TELEGRAM dated Bombay 28th ultimo states that the freight to Japan by the steamers of the P. & O. and the Austrian Lloyd and the Rubatino Companies, are now quoted at Rs. 3 per ton for wheat or cotton, in contrast to Rs. 17 per ton with a discount of 15 per cent which has been the figure maintained for some years past. This sudden fall is ascribed to the opening of the Japanese line of steamers with the intention of competing for the carrying trade between Bombay, China and Japan. The old standing steamers have reduced their rates to practically a nominal quotation.

YOKOHAMA exports last year amounted to \$39,674,949, and the imports to \$18,289,131.

It is stated that there were 43,721 cases of small-pox in Japan last year, of which 12,931 proved fatal.

A SEVERE shock of earthquake was experienced at Kagoshima, Japan, on the 15th inst., resulting in considerable damage to property.

THE *Acton* which it is said is to replace the old *Victor Emmanuel* here, has recently undergone repairs to the tune of £30,000.

THE total quantity of matches exported from Hyogo and Osaka last year amounted to 335,865 cases, valued at \$184,191 yen.

CHING CHANG, the Chinese *Changé d'Affaires* in Paris, has returned to St. Petersburg to resume negotiations with the Russian Government on the Pamir question.

RINDERPEST, imported from Korea into Japan, is estimated to have cost the latter country over one million yen, the value of cattle which had succumbed to the disease or had to be slaughtered.

THE death of Admiral Sir John Corbett at the age of seventy-one is announced. The deceased Admiral served in the China war of 1857 and also took part in the North China Expedition of '60.

THE P. M. S. Co's steamer *City of Peking*, which left Hongkong on December 15th for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Itoha Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 13th inst.

ACCORDING to late advices from Singapore H.M.S. *Seymour* is about to visit Bangkok. The Hongkong correspondent of the *M. C. Daily News* is hereby requested to wait until no longer before hatching another war scare or doing himself any damage.

AMONG the guests at a recent *steeple* in Singapore Government House were Bishop Hore and Mr. Baker of Brighton—big paragon Hore. Miss Mighell's name does not appear on the list, so she may have only been present in spirit form. "Jobore" is said to be more popular than ever—especially with the women-folk.

SARON is the latest customer for Japanese coal. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Nagaya-Maru* (late the Mutual Shipper's *Opach*) was under orders to leave Yokohama on the 4th inst. for Ota to load a cargo of coal for the capital of French Indo-China.

THE FIRST keel plate of the new battleship to be named the *Magnificent*, was laid at Chatham Dock-yard last month. She will be the largest vessel ever constructed at Chatham, and will have a displacement of nearly 15,000 tons. The total cost will be about £50,000, and her construction will occupy about three years.

WE read that a firm has offered to introduce the electric light into Rangoon without expense to the public, and to give three times the present amount of illumination in the streets of that city at the present cost of oil lighting. The firm stipulates that it is to have a monopoly of the electric lighting for a certain number of years. The cost of the installation would be covered by the firm, which would levy for supplying electric lights to private houses.

THE *Japan Gazette* says that kerosene is produced in greatest abundance in Echigo and the neighbouring provinces, on the west coast of Japan. In 1892 about 570,000 cases were sold, while the number last year was about 800,000 cases. The prices at the wells vary from yen 1.20 to 1.70. New machinery has been imported, similar to that in use in America and Russia, and it is believed that it would not be difficult to produce millions of cases every year, as the wells show no sign of exhaustion. There has recently been discovered a new vein of petroleum at Yashiro, in Higo, Kyushu.

THERE were two fires in the colony yesterday, one at No. 12, U-luk Lane at 4 o'clock and the other about two hours later, at Hungnam, near the Dock-yard. The fire-brigade, under Mr. Hopwood, turned out promptly and succeeded in confining the fire to U-luk Lane to the house (a copper smith's shop) in which it originated, the total damage amounting to a fraction under \$400. The fire at Hungnam originated in a stack of straw, and owing to the smartness of the police of the district not only was the blaze confined to the stack, but it was so promptly extinguished that the services of the brigade were not called into requisition at all.

THUS an Indian contemporary—"The Miscellaneous Conference at Calcutta, alarmed at the results of the Opium Commission revealed so far, memorialised the Government of India to instruct the Commission to confine itself to certain issues, strengthening its appeal by numerous quotations from Government documents. In refusing to interfere with the Commission, the Government of India has quoted back all the missionary quotations showing how that good religious body had perverted them to suit its own objects. This was a rebuke which it will take the Conference some little time to get over—if its members have any sense of shame."

It is claimed that the new cruiser *Powerful*, which is about to be added to the British Navy, will be the largest, fastest and most powerful cruiser afloat. She is to be supplied with a set of tubular boilers of the *Belleville* type, similar to those now being fitted on board the gunboat *Shark* at Devonport. When completed the *Powerful* will be a most formidable vessel, and will be able to maintain a speed of 22 knots, and on a four hours' forced draught 24 knots is expected. As the vessel will have a displacement of fourteen thousand tons, these speeds, if attained, will be remarkable. Thirteen of the principal shipbuilding and engineering firms in the United Kingdom will be invited to tender for the machinery of the new cruiser.

DESPITE the opposition of the attractive corroboree given in the Theatre Royal by the "Toto" crowd on Saturday night, D'Arcy's Melodettes drew another big house. The programme was as lengthy as usual and most agreeably varied; a deal of new and irresistibly funny business being introduced, notably in the restaurant scene, the dwarf has also found a new way of getting possession of the "Bobby's" breaks and the "Bobby" a new way of getting up a blush. In fact, there is more fun and laughter in the comedy than in the drama, and the cleverly devised exhibition than from any other we met of. Those who have not yet visited the Bijou Theatre should not miss the opportunity of doing so in the course of the current week for, as will be seen by an announcement which appears elsewhere in this issue, the troupe leave for Manila on or about the 22nd inst., and Saturday night will be their last appearance here for some time. On Wednesday afternoon the management give a benefit performance, half the receipts of which are to be devoted to the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the Governor and so doubt those desiring institutions will be materially benefited by the liberality of the Misses D'Arcy. Performances are given nightly and begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

THE British troopship *Himalaya* was under orders to leave Portsmouth on the 12th inst., with relief for the Garrison of Ceylon, Singapore and Hongkong.

AFTER a lapse of some twenty years a comic journal entitled *Straits Produce* was resuscitated at Singapore on the 8th inst. It is said to be an amusing production.

THE E.K. and China Telegraph Company's steamer *Shepherd Osborn*, Capt. Mudge, left Singapore the other day under charter to the Java Government to repair the cable in Sunda Strait.

A JAPANESE vernacular print, the *Yomuri*, rejoices over the interesting circumstance that the Mikado is heavier than any official in the Japanese Government. His Majesty, it appears, draws the beam at 190 lbs.

A FINE big tiger was shot at Changli, Singapore, on the 4th inst., by a well-known local *shikari*. The animal had done much damage in the way of carrying off pigs and other provender, besides having caused as many scares as the mythical feline which was supposed to haunt Tylam.

JUDGING from the number of suicides that occur in Achen life there would seem to be anything but a bed of roses, especially for the military. The long list of suicides officers already recorded another name has to be added, that of an infantry major who solved the great problem at the end of last month.

A YOKOHAMA contemporary states that Kinkwan, which has been for many years the Mikado's favourite horse, being now over 30 years old, is to be carefully tended in the Imperial mews until his death, in reward for his past services. Unless Kinkwan is built differently to other equine celebrities, he won't enjoy his well-earned pension very long.

WHILE riding in a hickie in Singapore on the 6th inst. Mr. Morier, chief officer of the steamer *Memnon*, was struck on the head by an unknown assailant and almost bruised; his head being split open. He was taken to a dispensary in an unconscious condition by the hickie's coolie and had his wound attended to. Mr. Morier is said to have been struck with a club wielded by a Malay.

THE American ship *P. M. Blanchard*, bound from Shanghai to New York, put into Singapore harbour on the 5th inst. with the yellow flag flying, having three cases of small-pox on board while the captain was also suffering from intermittent fever. The vessel had been twelve days out from Shanghai. She was ordered into quarantine and the patients were landed on St. John's Island.

By latest advices from Mauritius, the Government proposed, on the 27th December, in the Legislative Council of that colony to fix the Military Contribution there at £30,000. The Council, however, by 14 votes to 12, decided to fix the amount at £15,000. The opposition urged that one insuperable reason which compelled them to reject the motion for £30,000 was that the colony was not in a position to provide for such heavy expenditure.

A TEA and meeting for soldiers and sailors under the auspices of the Missions to Seamen, will be held at the Kowloon Institute to-morrow, the 16th inst. Tea at 5.30 p.m., meeting at 8. Vice-Admiral Fremantle will act as chairman and the proceeds of the entertainment will be given to the Building Fund. Tickets for the tea (20 cents each) can be obtained from Mr. F. Makeham, Mr. C. Wilcockson, care-taker of Kowloon Institute, or the Chaplain, the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith.

THE P. & O. S. N. Company evidently intends, remarks the *Japan Herald* of the 2nd inst., to make the competition for cotton freights from Bombay to Japan very keen. Owing to the recent contract made by the Cotton Spinners' Union Association, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha reduced their rate from 17 to 14 rupees per ton. This was met with a reduction on the part of the English Company of 14 rupees, that is, from 16 to 12 rupees per ton. This absurdly low rate has been again reduced to one rupee per ton, and it is said that the P. & O. Company is prepared to carry cotton gratis if necessary.

THAT "the pill-monger" is not a happy one few will question, much less the members of the local Force who came out here under agreement and with the belief that the dollar was worth 3s. 6d. at least, and who now find that with the exchange at 2s. 2d. they are in reality getting less pay than men of their station at home. This fact the Governor-in-Council seems to have overlooked in a most remarkable manner, the result being that a circular has to-day been submitted to all sorts and conditions of policemen in the colony, asking them if they are willing that their pay should be reckoned at three shillings and that should any of them, at some future date, go home on leave or on pension that rate of pay should stand good. "No," says Robert Peel, who can see about as far through a five-barred gate as the next man,—"especially when his hard-earned wages are in the near distance. Well, well! What next, we wonder!"

REFERRING to the destruction by fire on the 1st inst. of the Korean Legation in Tokyo the *Japan Mail* says:—"The only portions left standing are the gate and the *nagaya*. It appears that the inmates of the Legation were just going to breakfast when flames were discovered, their origin being a badly isolated stove-pipe. The conflagration had then made little progress, and the building was not seriously damaged. But the usual resources being available. But in the early morning of New Year's Day the firemen do not assemble as quickly as on ordinary days, and a wooden edifice is soon consumed unless very prompt means to save it are at hand. Two hours sufficed to reduce the building to ashes, but happily the archives and the furniture were got out. The offices of the Legation were transferred over the way to No. 26, Sanban-cho. It appears that the building now destroyed had been occupied for the purposes of the Korean Legation since 1888, the previous location having been Rehan-rika, in the Asaba district of Tokyo."

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the new paper *La Mekong*, a bi-weekly organ of French interests in Cambodia and the valley of the Mekong, published on Thursdays at Saigon and on Saturdays at Pnompenh. This description is taken from its own standing-head, which, by the way, bristles with misprints, and occupies one eighth of the whole sheet. The rest of the "newspaper" consists of one lottery advertisement, two paragraphs ads., four paragraphs about local officials, and two articles and a half, on the prospects of the Mekong. The only items of any interest are two quotations of local celebrities, printed at the head of the paper as mottoes. One is by M. Blancet, apparently an ancestor of the editor, who lays it down that the Mekong is destined to become the chief outlet for the trade of thirty kingdoms, and that Saigon is to be one of the greatest places of earth and queen of the Far East. The other quotation is from M. de Lencastre, to the effect that the natural tendency of great nations is inevitably to "colonial expansion." From such a pair of stupid fallacies nothing else can be expected but early and ignominious collapse.

At a meeting of the Rolke Rids Corps held this morning Mr. F. H. May, the Captain Superintendent of the Force, who has evinced considerable interest in the welfare and efficiency of the men under his command, intimated that he will shortly offer two cups for competition—one to be won by the "crack" European marksmen and the other by the best Indian "shot" in the Force.

On Saturday afternoon the girls of the Bellilos Public School, before a large audience of parents and friends, performed a "Musical Fairy-play" composed by Mr. Nathan Rockwald, and called "Pansy, or the Flower Fabrics." The performance was greatly enjoyed, both by the audience and by the pupils themselves, and great credit is due to their mistresses, Mrs. Bateman, for the excellence of the show—which, by the way, we understand has not in the least interfered with the routine work of the school.

Divisions of this kind undoubtedly give a zest to school life, and must exercise a beneficial influence on the children, while it is encouraging to know that Hongkong has produced a play of even such modest ambition, from the pen of one bred and born in the colony.

THE Shanghai correspondent of the *Courier d'Haiphong* writes:—"The rumour that half-a-dozen British and as many Chinese warships were being sent in haste to Bangkok to defend Siam against further French aggression turns out to be a hoax. Nobody here believed it. The moral to be drawn from this dishonest manoeuvre, added to so many others carried on at Peking, though more skillfully, with the Taugli-Yamen, shows us once again how far the English are from playing a fair game with us. His logic is something wonderful. He heard some wild cock-and-bull yarn, or perhaps some facetious friend 'sold him a pup,' and he at once made a fool of himself; then, finding that the British authorities were not doing what he believed, nor anything at all, in fact, he calls them, 'dishonest' for doing nothing!"

FROM the proceedings in the Police Court this morning it appears that the well known Manila liner *Emeralda*, Captain J. G. Taylor, was boarded by some thieves on the 17th ultimo who annexed 60 fathoms of Manila rope valued at about \$14, and that after a long and arduous search a Chinese Acting Sergeant of P. Ice recovered it in the after-bolt of lighter No. 29 and arrested the man in charge of the craft, whom he brought before Mr. W. C. Ellis at the Police Court. The *Emeralda's* boatwain identified the rope and testified to its having been taken from his ship on the 17th of last month. The defence was lame to a degree, it being averred that the accused should be allowed to go on his way rejoicing for he was "carrying it for a sampan man" who asked him to land it in Yau-mat for him, but whose sampan it was he could not call to mind. For six months the cargo boatman will now have time wherein to endeavour to remember who it was that "let him into the soup."

ACCORDING to the *Straits Times* the "buffer state" idea seems to have caught on with the Dutch in Achen. It is said that the country overrun by the chief Tuku Umar will be held by him as a "buffer" between the districts occupied by the Dutch and the territory of the hostile Achinese. It is an extension of the plan of subduing the Achinese which has proved so successful in the last few months in the hands of Tuku Umar. That chiefs enjoy, while influence, and it now turns out, that, had the Dutch not taken him into their service, he would have exercised his powers of mischief against them. As nothing succeeds like success, other chiefs have sided with Tuku Umar and have taken the field against the war party. Several chiefs have offered to drive the hostile Achinese out of different districts, on condition of the Dutch authorities, allowing them to annex the country so conquered. In the districts subdued by Tuku Umar and his allies, the people have been set to work making roads for which they are paid in rice. Elsewhere, villagers who had fled from their homes during the recent military operations have been induced to return on the Government promising to indemnify them for their losses.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE.
In the suit of S. H. Schmid against the Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, and in the cross-suit of the Hotel Company against Mr. Schmid, Mr. G. J. Philippou appeared for Mr. Schmid and Mr. E. C. Ellis (Mr. V. H. Deacon's office) for the Company.

Mr. Philippou stated that the Company proposed, about a year ago, to start a new Rotisserie, and to let the candidate for the management, Mr. Schmid was chosen after a trial of premises he opened the business on the 19th March last. He was to have a salary of \$50 a month, board at the Rotisserie, live in a room in the hotel, and have a commission of 5 per cent on the net profits. In November it was decided to close the Rotisserie, shortly before the end of the six months' agreement with the manager; but he was not paid his last two months' salary, nor boarded for the last 10 days, and he now sued for \$124 to recover the two items. The Company in reply claimed \$244 from him, being the amount lost on chits contrary to terms. He had been told not to take chits, but the Ch. manager of the Company, Mr. Jones Hughes, was himself one of the first to break the rule. Of course, it was a matter of convenience to many residents, who might not have ready money in their pockets, to be allowed to sign chits and pay afterwards. Thus it was to the advantage of the hotel shareholders as well as to the manager, since it increased the business.

He then said:—"Was he forbidden, or not?" Mr. Philippou admitted that a letter was written to him, strictly forbidding chits, but the action of the Chairman seemed to cancel the letter. Anyhow, nothing was said about the manager being responsible for defaulters. Afterwards he was told by letter to close the accounts and dismiss the servants, and then his pay was withheld because there were some chits unrecovered.

Stephen Henry Schmid stated:—"I was in the service of the Hotel Company, from 19th March, until the end of October, as manager of the Rotisserie. I was appointed on the 6th March, by letter, undated, stating the terms of agreement proposed—that I was to have \$50 a month, 5 per cent on the net profits, and board and lodging. I accepted the terms. The letter fixed the period at six months, but I have not been paid salary from 19th September to 19th November. I was taking my board in the Rotisserie until it closed, after which I boarded at Thomas' Grill Room, for 10 days, at \$39 a month, making \$241. That and the two months' salary are still due."

Cross-examined:—"I am not employed at the Grill Room, but I assist Mr. Thomas when I can—we are old friends. I have not paid him anything yet for my board."

His lordship:—"It does not matter whether he has paid or not, if the Company owes him his board of all."

Witness, continuing:—"I took my meals in the Rotisserie as long as it was open. I did not ask about that—it was understood. I received a letter in terms of the copy now produced, during the first month, informing me that the scale of charges for drinks in the old Rotisserie, 25 cents cash and no 'split drinks,' must be maintained. On the 10th October I got a letter terminating my engagement, and gave notice to all the servants. On November 2nd I got another letter (produced) stating that my application for salary had been considered and that the Board desired information about the chits which I had undertaken to collect. On the 8th December I got another letter (produced) replying to my verbal offer to forego the claim for wages as a set-off to the chits, and asking me to confirm it in writing. I had made the offer in anger, but did not confirm it in writing. I only allowed credit because the Chairman of the Company came and signed. I might have refused credit to him, but did not, in view of his position; and so I then allowed others to sign. The Chairman's chits were principally for 'chow-chow.' I had no instructions to allow him credit, nor to depart from the original 'no chits' order given me by the secretary of the Company. I am not aware of there being many among the chits not signed by those purporting to have signed them; I only know of one such case. 'Captain Benson' was sometimes signed by myself at his request. 'Bateman'—there was an account made up by the bookkeeper, but no chits; he is going to pay at the end of the month. I am not aware that he is a bankrupt."

His lordship:—"What is the object of going through all these things, Mr. Ellis?"

Mr. Ellis:—"I wish to show that the witness has been neglecting his duty to his employers, and causing loss to them."

Witness further admitted having accepted a chit from Mr. Benson for \$5 money lent."

Mr. Ellis:—"And yet you put it in among the rest, which you hand over to the Company instead of cash? Is it your business to lend money?"

Witness:—"No; I hold myself personally responsible for that."

Witness also admitted having written on an envelope containing chits sent to one client for collection "I do not give credit; my collector has called several times for the cash, and if you do not pay promptly I shall be compelled to take proceedings"—thereby showing that he understood he was not to give credit. Some of the chits signed "Davidson" were for money lent—\$12.50. A man named Fanning, of the Naval Yard, was in the Rotisserie to dinner one day, and a chit which witness believed had been signed by him was duly sent round for payment. (Chit produced.)

Mr. Ellis:—"But his name is Abdullah Fokera, while this begins with 'E.'"

His lordship (after inspection):—"It looks like 'Ed. F. Mackay.'"

Mr. Ellis:—"Where is Fokera's chit?"

Witness:—"I took that for his."

Mr. Ellis:—"Did he pay?"

Witness:—"No."

His lordship:—"Are these chits (produced in court) all that you took, or only the unpaid part?"

Witness:—"Only the unpaid ones. I took many others."

It added that if he did take chills it would be at his own risk. He has admitted that he habitually disobeyed the order, and took chills continually. There is no proof whatever that the directors ever sanctioned or confirmed this course, or knew of it until these unpaid chills amounting to \$754 were handed over at closing. Counsel for Mr. Schmidt has attempted to argue that because they took over these chills they thereby waived all claim for damages against him; but there is nothing whatever to show that they took them at payment or waived their claim. They were handed over by Mr. Schmidt when he gave in his accounts, the Company might have refused to touch them or have anything to do with them, and might have charged him with the deficiency, but instead of that they did what one would naturally expect—they endeavored to make as little loss as possible, and they only claimed the amount from Mr. Schmidt after he put in his claim for \$100 salary. His account was taken out in December, whereas the Hotel Company's suit only dates from the 5th January, and is quite sure that if he had not said they would have endeavored to get in as many of the debts as possible, and a lawed him to do what he could for himself; but when they found they were being sued for \$121 it was their duty, in order to prevent further loss to the shareholders, to bring this counter-claim, in which they have succeeded. The mere fact of Mr. James Hughes signing a chit, or of Mr. Schmidt allowing him to do so, is no justification for him dealing so largely in chills as he admits he has done. His excuse that he allowed it in deference to the position of the Chairman may be good in that particular case, but certainly it does not justify him in giving credit to other people. Judgment on the Hotel Company's suit for \$754.97, less \$100 which the Company has admitted due on Mr. Schmidt's claim; the other claim is dismissed. Mr. Phillippo—Is the \$21 for board not allowed?

His lordship—No.
Mr. Phillippo—Might I ask your lordship why not?
His lordship—He was entitled to his board in the Hotel only.
Mr. Phillippo—But it was shut up before the end of the six months.
His lordship—Then I don't see how they could carry out that part of the agreement.
Mr. Ellis—He could have had it from the Company, at the hotel, instead of going elsewhere. Will there be one set of costs for the two actions?
His lordship—I make no order as to costs. (Both sides therefore have to pay their own.)
The Court then closed for the day.

THE MOBILISATION.

The Malta and Gibraltar of the Far East has the pleasure and privilege (not accorded to common or garden Maltese and Gibraltarians) of paying £40,000 a year, which means an absolutely unlimited amount of dollars, in return for which this Colony is supplied with a number of soldiers who, when not burdening the hospitals as a result of certain middle-class modelling of the Exeter Hall party, are usually engaged in drill of some sort, and once a year, generally at the commencement of the wet season, but this time a bit ahead, the garrison turns out for a wholesale display of exercise at the various stations. This is supposed to be a "dress rehearsal" of actual warfare, and is called mobilisation.

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TRAINING NOTES.

Bovril was the first pony on the track on Saturday morning, and was restricted to slow work, finishing with a steady canter for half a mile. Mr. W. Jackson's "sub" griffin, reaped a mile in 40 and 1.10, exhibiting good action and going very strongly. Two grays, representing the interests of Mr. R. M. Gray and Mr. E. Hobson, went together three quarters of a mile in 40.8 and 1.11. The flying Brigand, winner of the China Cup at the last Shanghai Autumn Meeting, was sent half a mile in 36 and 59, pulling hard all the way. Mr. J. D. Humphreys' cream Derby candidate moved very resolutely over the mile course in 36.1, 3.4, and 2.23, finishing a neck in front of a speedy little gray that "chipped in" as the Black

Rock. Although a queerly shaped customer, this griffin has the gift of going, and were he in better condition would be worth looking after.

Mr. Heiorich's Derby "crack" covered half a mile in 36 and 1.10; he moved freely enough, but certainly his form did not impress favorably. Blue Beard's half-mile suit occupied 38 for the first quarter and 1.15 for the full distance. Over the mile course the plucky little Luginsland recorded 38.1, 1.17, 1.53, and 2.10, quickening his pace as usual when called upon in the final hundred yards. The chestnut and dun griffins from the Pedder's Hill stable were sent a mile together in 31.8, 5.1, 1.44 and 2.22. 1.5th, the chestnut running very green, not to say unkindly. Mr. Mannes' "sub" did his two quarters in 31 and 53, and Major-General Barker's cream, accompanied by a hack, made his half-mile in 37 and 1.12.

Mr. Buxey's two Derby griffins, without plates if mistake not, were galloped half a mile at their best pace, the discarded subscription pony (No. 21 on the original list and kept back owing to a cracked hoof) leading all the way and beating the rest easily by three lengths—times 29.1 and 61 seconds. If this one hundred feet purchase can stay a mile and a half—which I seriously doubt—he would be very far off when the Hongkong Derby winner is fed back to scale. The two white and dark gray and Mr. Crutchbank's brown griffin were "powed" over the Valley Stakes distance, the griffin improved while winning cleverly in 33.6 and 1.41. The brown was outpaced at first, but nevertheless ran with great resolution and may yet develop galloping attributes that his make and shape would scarcely lead one to expect. Sawwind cantered the same distance in front of the "sub" Cat'erbur in 38.1, 1.14 and 1.57.

Free Trade and Capt. Murray's good-looking black griffin negotiated the favorite half-mile in 33 and 5.3, and then the "Tyram Tiger" showed his heels to a gray and a bay in the same interest over six furlongs in 36.1, 1.17, and 1.46. Mr. Buxey's white and Mr. Dorabjee's dark gray "subs" were sent a mile at full pressure, the watch registering 36.1, 1.17, 1.49 and 2.19. Both ponies were so thoroughly beaten three furlongs from the winning post that they literally "rolled home." Discount and Mr. Mannes' steeplechaser went half a mile in 35 and 56, the chestnut showing superior speed. Mr. Taylor's roan Derby griffin, Dardwell, was sent a separate quarter in 31 seconds, and seemed to me to go in better style than of late. Lieut. Smyth's chestnut griffin proved too good for the Regiment's bay and the Don for three quarters of a mile—times 36.1, 1.13 and 1.47—but I shall expect to see the bay turn the tables before race-days. Over the mile course Mr. Buxey's gray "sub," going alone, registered 37.1, 1.13, 1.50 and 2.25, finishing in capital form. Mr. Gillies' "sub" cantered half a mile in 43 and 1.22.

Rather more than a week ago a letter, numerous signed by owners of subscription griffins, suggesting the advisability of adding to the programme of the forthcoming meeting another race each day for "subs," was sent into the Stewards of the Jockey Club. The principal reason relied on for this innovation was that, owing to the scarcity of capable jockeys, a considerable number of griffins would be in their stalls when such events as the Valley Stakes and Gurney Cup were being contested. The Stewards duly met and it was unanimously decided to add the extra race asked for on the first and second days, but they did not consider it advisable to make any addition to the programme of the third day, on the very reasonable grounds that it would be most undesirable to risk having the "Champions" run in the dark and that there were already three races limited to subscription ponies. The following are the conditions of the new events:—

FIRST DAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.
THE ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; Sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; for subscription griffins of this season, 1893-94, only; first and second ponies in any previous race or races at this meeting, and previous non-winners, excluded; weight for inches. Ponies that have been placed third, 5 lbs. extra; first pony, 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent. Once round.

SECOND DAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.
THE GYMKHANA STAKES; Sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100, (presented by the Gymkhana Committee) added; for subscription griffins of this season, 1893-94, only; first and second ponies in any previous race or races at this meeting, and previous non-winners, excluded; weight for inches. Ponies that have been placed third, 5 lbs. extra; first pony, 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent. Once mile.

It will be observed that the Gymkhana Committee has added \$100 to one of the races. I hardly incline to the view that the conditions of these two extra events are all that could be desired, especially as regards ponies placed in previous races being debarré or penalized. Why, for instance, should the owner of the third in the Valley Stakes, who doesn't receive a cent for occupying that barren honour, be deprived of a privilege accorded to other owners whose ponies may be of superior class, but are not ridden out? And again, what sense is there in excluding previous non-winners? The suggestion is, of course, obvious, and it is not very complimentary to the status and racing morality of a Jockey Club that is assumed to be exclusively composed of gentlemen and sportsmen.

In glancing through the programme I find that the conditions of the Scurry Stakes, the first race on the second day, and for many years a most interesting event, generally leading to a mile over the mile course between the first and second in the Derby, have been altered to read as follows:—

THE SCURRY STAKES; Sweepstakes of \$10 each, for all bona fide griffins, the date of entry; subscription griffins of this season, 1893-94, non-winners allowed 10 lb. weight for inches. Three-quarters of a mile.
Do the Stewards of the Jockey Club really imagine that owners of griffins will be foolish enough to subscribe a \$10 entry for the privilege of running for their own money and for nothing else? That game was played out when my pony Robble Duns won the Stand Stakes in 1881. The value of the race was \$10, all of which was contributed by owners as entrance fee, and since that time until now there has never been an event on a Hongkong race programme without either a cup or added money being given. If the race for the Scurry Stakes had fallen off in interest, the proper treatment would be to make it more attractive by further inducements to owners, or cut it entirely out of the programme. It is also noteworthy that on the second day there is not a single event, excepting the Scurry Stakes, in which outside griffins have a fair show; and on the third day there is only the Garrison Cup. There is not much encouragement in this for aspiring owners to pay comparatively high prices for what are generally known as Derby griffins.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1894.

COMMERCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The statistics of trade for the whole of 1893, with comparative figures of previous years, are thus shown in Messrs. Warner, Blodgett & Co's annual "Review":—
Hemp receipts (in bales) have been:—
At Manila 667,470 668,676 582,913
At Cebu 102,752 91,451 96,510

Total 770,222 760,127 679,423
Hemp exported for same period:—
Atlantic, U.S. & Canada 372,841 318,368 441,414
Great Britain 20,050 19,716 21,450
Australia 16,393 17,781 18,429
Elsewhere 18,724 15,537 17,794

Local consumption 641,471 790,508 635,547
Total 641,471 790,508 635,547

Stock on hand and in store 1st January, 1894.
At Manila 173,755 74,165 114,217
At Cebu 43,050 10,378 16,207

Total 216,805 84,543 130,424
Loading 1st January, 1894.
Atlantic, United States 6,225 9,000 19,665
Great Britain 17,414 10,000 19,665
Elsewhere 170 150

Total 23,809 19,000 19,805
Memo. showing movement of price of hemp and sugar, and rates of freight and exchange, from 1st January, 1893, to 1st January, 1894.

Quantities and Prices of:—
Hemp—piculs. Dry Sugar. Exchange. 6mos. Bills.
1893-94, 6,225,669 1,420,395 3/11 1/2 to 4/3
at \$9.75 to \$10.50 4/3 to 4/10
1894-95, 6,677,318 1,800,250 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
at \$5.63 to \$5.85 4/3 to 4/10
1895-96, 7,107,870 3,403,409 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
at \$11.31 to 0.25 at \$5.10 4/3 to 3/11 1/2
1896-97, 1,322,858 2,054,910 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
at \$17.00 to 7.75 at \$4.12 to 3.43 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
1897-98, 1,371,004 2,668,625 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
at \$11.00 to 8.25 at \$4.10 to 3.31 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
1898-99, 1,481,016 3,951,006 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
at \$10.71 to 8.42 at \$4.25 to 3.31 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
1899-00, 1,222,042 4,181,266 3/11 1/2 to 4/10
at \$10.00 to 7.87 at \$4.12 to 3.43 3/11 1/2 to 4/10

1893 1894
Hemp from Manila, piculs 1,173 1,464,416
Hemp from Cebu, piculs 160,160 176,560
Total 1,283,442 1,640,976
Sapan Wood, piculs 78,803 61,450
Civara, piculs 134,400 137,050
Coffee, piculs 4,014 21,223
Cordage, piculs 2,290 1,605
Indigo, piculs 940 5,570
Leaf Tobacco, piculs 230,464 254,284
M. O'Pearl Shells, piculs 140 168
Hide Cuttings, piculs 3,024 2,616
Gum Alaciga, piculs 3,580 4,855

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per P. and O. steamer *Ballaara*, from London Dec. 14th.—To Yokohama, via Bombay; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Brandom and children. From Brindisi.—To Yokohama, via Bombay; Rev. and Mrs. G. Chapman and child.
Per P. and O. steamer *Paramatta*, from London, December, 21st.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and child, Mr. Arthur Hyde Lay, Mr. Yardley. To Shanghai: Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson and infant. To Hongkong: Sergeant W. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and family. Mr. D. Wood, Mr. John Baker, Lieut. T. E. Dyer and a gunner, Lieut. R. H. Melster, Mr. A. E. McEwan, Sir William Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knott. From Brindisi.—To Shanghai: Mr. Henry Morris.
Per P. and O. steamer *Rome*, from London, December 20th.—Brindisi to Yokohama: Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Van Mier, Bombay to Shanghai: Mr. Theodore Holmes.
Per P. and O. steamer *Britannia*, from London January 5th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Hugh Fraser, Colonel W. D. Samuels, Miss Alice Gadsby. To Hongkong: Mr. C. W. Hongkong: Miss Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodcock and child, Mr. John Kyles, Capt. Count F. C. Metra, R.N. From Ismailia.—To Yokohama: Mr. Gilligan.
Per P. and O. steamer *Oriental*, from London, January 12th.—To Yokohama, via Bombay; Lord Darnley.
Per P. and O. steamer *Massilia*, from London, January 18th.—To Yokohama: Mr. H. De Windt, Mr. G. Lancaster and man servant, Rev. A. E. Webb. To Shanghai: Rev. T. Matthews. To Hongkong: Miss Chambers, Miss Barr.
Per P. and O. steamer *Australia*, from London, February 2nd.—To Yokohama: Mr. W. H. Player, Mr. R. G. Lawson, Miss Grace Swann.
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Oceanic*, from Marseilles, December 10th.—To Shanghai: Mr. W. D. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Hickson. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Sprungli and child, Mr. and Mrs. F. Glazebrook and child, Mr. and Mrs. Berthoin, Mr. Howard, Mr. Baur, Mr. Dumas and friend, Mr. Lahens, Mr. Serpa. To Yokohama: Mr. Uchida, Mr. Paniguchi.
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sagami*, from Marseilles, December 24th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Hardby, Mr. Iooko, Viscount and Viscountess Kowak. To Hongkong: Mr. T. Wilson. To Shanghai: Mr. Schmidts.
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sydney*, from Marseilles, January 7th.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Stepienlis. To Yokohama: Mr. Waylen.
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Calcutta*, from Marseilles, January 21st.—To Shanghai: Mr. Davis, Mr. Wilson.
Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Orvus*, from Marseilles, February 4th.—To Shanghai: Mr. J. Wilson. To Yokohama: Mr. Bland, Mr. Garland.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

CALCUTTA, December 21st.
Yesterday the Opium Commission resumed its sittings. Several native gentlemen were examined including barristers and members of the aristocracy. A few Bengalee journalists were also examined. All tendered the sort of evidence given before by native witnesses.
The Rev. K. S. Macdonald, D.D., of the Free Church of Scotland, was examined at some length and gave an experience of 33 years' service. Opium and drink, he said, were both bad, but he only knew of one man ruined by the former, while he knew of scores ruined by drink. Opium consumption did not hinder missionary work. The effects of opium could not be compared to those of drink. He advocated absolute prohibition to be attained gradually, and as a help towards this recommended the creation of public opinion against opium and liquor by means of school textbooks and English and vernacular literature, addresses and lectures on the physiological effects of all drugs and stimulants on the human system.

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Positively the last performance of this successful Comic Opera.
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Special rates for Children.
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Books of the Words of the Songs, price 1s, sent at the Booking Office.
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BOMBAY, December 22nd.
Senator Barbero, Italian Consul, sends to the press the following telegram which he has received from official sources—Massowah, December 22nd. Yesterday the Italian troops occupied Agordat. About fifty officers and 2,500 soldiers attacked 10,000 armed dervishes coming from Kassala. After a very hard fight the Italians were victorious taking as trophies sixty banners and one mitrallera (revolving gun). The dervishes suffered enormous loss, including their chief commander and nearly all their Emin. The Italian losses were rather heavy, comprising three officers.
MASSOWAH, December 22nd.
Italian troops stationed at Agordat have defeated a force of ten thousand dervishes, inflicting on them severe losses, including all Hamed, their leader, and many Emin. The Italian loss four officers and one hundred men, mostly frontiersmen, killed.

BOMBAY, December 22nd.
The hearing of the charges connected with the riot at Calcutta will be resumed after the Christmas holidays. At the Criminal Session yesterday Mr. Justice Bayley sentenced Ahmed Sultana, a dhoti, and eight other Mohammedans convicted of causing grievous hurt and defiling the Hindoo temple at old Nagpada on the 12th August. All the prisoners had been found guilty of defiling the temple and rioting, and were sentenced to five years' hard labour each, and two of the others convicted of causing grievous hurt to an old man, named Keshav Gopal, to transportation for life.

BARCELONA, December 25th.
The fresh discovery of an anti-christ plot has proved of an important character. Every apparatus and material necessary for the manufacture of bombs has been found in a cavern on the mountains adjacent to the city.
CALCUTTA, December 27th.
Lord Brassey made an important statement before the Opium Commission yesterday, as to the position of the Government of India. With regard to the Opium Commission, he said they had arranged for the consideration of the Commission a proposed course of enquiry in places to be visited and witnesses to be heard. The Government had no desire to press on the Commission evidence which was considered unnecessary, but they entertained no doubt that the evidence before the Commission would be taken as a standard of reference on the whole subject. For this reason the Government regarded it as a duty, to the Commission, should they consider no further evidence required on particular points, to give information to that effect.

LONDON, December 28th.
The Very Rev. Charles Morville, Dean of Ely, is dead.
Telegrams have been received here stating that the insurgents have vigorously renewed the bombardment of Rios de Janeiro, and that several persons have been killed.

BOMBAY, December 28th.
Mr. W. K. Vandell, with Mr. Vandell, family, and a small party will shortly arrive at Bombay from Alexandria in their steam yacht *Valliant*. They will visit Calcutta about the end of January. The *Valliant* is said to be a magnificent specimen of yacht architecture, and has a crew of 73 men.
A *Gazette Extraordinary* is published, announcing that Lord Elgin is expected to arrive at Aden about the 15th, and Bombay about the 20th of January. The notification gives directions as to his reception with Viceroyal honours at Aden, Bombay, Hongkong, Calcutta and all the railway stations en route.
CALCUTTA, December 28th.
The Amateur Golf Championship of India has been won by Mr. Mitchell-Innes, of Calcutta, with a score of 278; Mr. J. B. Robertson, of Singapore, was second with 284; Mr. Lamb, of Calcutta, was third with 285. There were 31 competing. Mr. MacNair won last year with 288 points.

December 29th.
To-day a memorial, signed by the Metropolitan and all the clergy of Calcutta, endorsing the views of the Indian Official on the subject of opium, has been presented to the Opium Commission.
The Amir will shortly leave Kabul for Jellalabad, remaining at that place for some weeks.

Today's Advertisements.

D'ARCS MARIONETTES

AND
FANTOCHES FRANCAISES.
LAST WEEK! LAST WEEK!
OF THE CLEVEREST AND MOST
POPULAR ORGANIZATION
THAT HAS EVER VISITED THE FAR EAST,
SATURDAY EVENING NEXT
THE LAST NIGHT,
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
AT 2 P.M.
RECHERCHE MATINEE DE LUXE,
Under the distinguished patronage, and
in the presence of H.R.H. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON,
K.C.M.G., of Lord ROBINSON and the
Elite of Hongkong.
On each occasion half the receipts will be devoted to the
AID OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL
and the
NETHERSOLE HOSPITALS.
The Troupe leave for Manila on or about the 22nd instant.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—
Private Boxes & Stalls, per seat, \$2.00
Second Class \$1.50
Third Class \$1.00
Gallery \$0.50
Children half-price to all parts; Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, half-price to all classes, except Boxes.
Special Place for Chinese Ladies.
Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALES, Ltd.
As the Number of Boxes is limited, early booking is necessary to avoid disappointment.
Messrs. M. N. & E. D'ARCS,
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E. C. CLITHEROW,
General Manager.
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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship
"ESMERALDA."
Captain G. A. Taylor will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW the 16th instant, at 1 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th January 1894.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE."
Captain Vyvyan will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1894.

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ARGVLL."
Captain Williamson, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 23rd inst. at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1894.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 13, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 19th February, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to the 22nd February, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1894.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 17th January, 1894,

AT NOON,

at Messrs. E. D. SASSOBY & Co.'s GODOWNS,

6 CHESTS PATNA OPIUM,

6 CHESTS BENARES OPIUM.

Ex Steamship "OCEANIAN."

(More or less Damaged by Sea Water).

For Account of the Consignor.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash before delivery in

Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots,

with all faults and errors of description, to be

at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

H. N. MODY,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1894.

Intimations.

C. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

WINE AND SPIRIT

MERCHANTS,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND

GLASGOW.

13, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1893.

NOW IN THE

PRESS!

TO BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE, 1894.

"THE DESTINY OF MAN,"

BY

CHESNEY DUNCAN,

(Author of "Cores and the Powers," "All is not Gold that Glitters," &c.)

Being an analysis of all religious tenets, with deductions drawn from facts and observations and containing chapters on "And the World was" and "Man's Destiny."

N.B.—This work will be produced simultaneously in England and the Far East, but the Eastern edition will necessarily be much smaller than that published in England, orders for the same may be booked with the Author, c/o "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH," 7, Pedder's Hill, Hongkong.

PRICE \$2.50 PER COPY.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1893.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERBNESS OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT CALAB ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superbness will also be most grateful for any FANCY or old FURNITURE to be made into Books for the Children of the Free Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1893.

Intimations.

THE PHARMACY,

25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.
FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.
Telephone No. 74
FLETCHER & Co

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent. prem. sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8.00, 100 paid up—25½ sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$49 per share, sales and buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tis. 145 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$137 per share, buyers.
 Yantai Insurance Association—\$62, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tis. 15 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$215 per share, sales and buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$28 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$57 sellers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—100 per cent. discount, sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$41, sales and buyers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$13 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$100, sales and buyers.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 The Shumway Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 Panion Mining Co.—\$72 per share, sales and sellers.
 The Rauh Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$48 per share, sales and sellers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.
 Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$75 per share, buyers.
 The Teikoku Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$53 sales and buyers.
 London and Pacific Trading Co., Ltd.—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$182 per share, sale and sellers.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10, sales and sellers.
 Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$11 per share, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$61 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$0 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 sales and sellers.
 The West Port Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$34 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$44 per share, sales and buyers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$51, sales and buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$31, sales and buyers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 ex Div. buyers.

EXCHANGE.
 ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/3
 Bank Bills, on demand 2/3
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/3
 Credits at 4 months' sight 2/3
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/3
 ON PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 2/8
 Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/9
 ON INDIA—T. T. 182½
 On Demand 182½
 ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 72½
 Private, 30 days' sight 72½

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Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 MATHILDE, German steamer, 600, P. Moss, 14th Jan., Tournon 10th Jan., and Holbow 13th, General—Siemens & Co.
 MALWA, British steamer, 2,959, H. J. Weighell, 14th Jan., London, 10th Bombay 27th Dec., and Singapore 8th Jan., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 HANOI, French steamer, 739, J. V. Chodko, 14th Jan., Haiphong, and Holbow 12th Jan., General—A. R. Marry.
 JACOB, GERMANIC, German steamer, 633, Handewadt, 14th Jan., Bangkok 4th Jan., Rice—Carlson & Co.
 ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, G. A. Taylor, 14th Jan., Manila 11th Jan., General—Shewan & Co.
 E-SAGO, British steamer, 1,127, Geo. Payne, 14th Jan., Wuhu 9th Jan., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 NAMOA, British steamer, 863, H. C. Harris, 14th Jan., Keelung 11th Jan., Amoy 12th, and Swatow 13th, Coal—D. Laprak & Co.
 YUNG-CHING, Chinese steamer, 761, R. E. Harris, 14th Jan., Canton 14th Jan., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 NINORO, German steamer, 762, Th. Lehmann, 14th Jan., Canton 14th Jan., General—Siemens & Co.
 MEKROU, Chinese steamer, 1,287, W. H. Lunt, 14th Jan., Wuhu 9th Jan., Rice—C. M. S. N. Co.
 EXH, British steamer, 1,306, J. Watson, 14th Jan., Saigon 9th Jan., Rice—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
 ISER, British steamer, 1,415, W. Burgoyne, 14th Jan., Shanghai 11th Jan., General—Lee King.
 ELSE, German steamer, 747, C. Christensen, 14th Jan., Kutchinotou 10th Jan., Coal—Witler & Co.
 MERCURY, British steamer, 7,390, 13 guns, Captain Fawkes, 15th Jan., Nagsaki 10th Jan.
 ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Muddle, 15th Jan., Yokohama 7th Jan., Mails and General—E. & C. S. N. Co.
 TAMARIND, Norwegian steamer, 739, L. Conberg, 15th Jan., Hongay 12th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,012, J. Fowler, 15th Jan., Bangkok 3rd Jan., and Anglin 6th, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PALLAS, British steamer, 2,575, Captain Angus MacLeod, 15th Jan., Singapore 7th Jan.
 AGLAIA, German steamer, 1,056, G. Petersen, 15th Jan., Singapore 7th Jan., General—Siemens & Co.
 WM. LE LACHUR, British bark, 573, M. Ayala, 15th Jan., Kalgas 22nd Dec., Timber—Gibb, Livingstone & Co.
 AIKURO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,067, T. Yano, 15th Jan., Japan 4th Jan., and Nagsaki 10th, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.
 ZABICA, Russian steamer, 1,200, Commander Donskoff, 15th Jan., Nagsaki 11th Jan.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
 Triumph, German steamer, for Holbow, 8c.
 Tamboff, Russian steamer, for Nagsaki, 8c.
 Yungching, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai, 8c.
 Tamarind, Norwegian steamer, for Shanghai, 8c.
 Pakhan, British steamer, for Swatow, 8c.
 Toyo Maru, Japanese steamer, for Saigon, 8c.

DEPARTURES.
 January 13, Ariaki Maru, Japanese steamer, for Kutchinotou.
 January 14, Mekrou, Chinese str., for Canton.
 January 14, Posidon, Austrian str., for Shanghai.
 January 14, E-sago, British str., for Canton.
 January 14, Woosung, British str., for Kobe.
 January 14, Sungkang, British steamer, for Amoy.
 January 14, Soochow, British steamer, for Moji.
 January 14, Propontis, British steamer, for Singapore.
 January 14, Normandie, Norwegian steamer, for Bangkok.
 January 14, Michael Fabian, German steamer, for Saigon.
 January 14, Hongay, British steamer, for Amoy.
 January 14, Glenorchy, British steamer, for Shanghai.
 January 14, Fohien, British str., for Swatow.
 January 14, Diodia, British str., for Amoy, &c.
 January 14, Diodia, German str., for Saigon.
 January 14, Albus, German str., for Holbow.
 January 14, Ash, Danish steamer, for Holbow.
 January 15, Riverside, British steamer, for Hongay.
 January 15, Wosang, British str., for Singapore.
 January 15, Toyo Maru, Japanese steamer, for Saigon.
 January 15, Pakhan, British str., for Swatow.
 January 15, Yungching, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.
 Per Hanok, from Haiphong, &c.—Mr. Shanberg, and 6 Chinese.
 Per Mathilde, from Tournon, &c.—51 Chinese.
 Per Esméralda, from Manila, &c.—Mrs. O. E. Craven, Mr. M. Mottet, and 45 Chinese.
 Per Jacob Didriksson, from Bangkok—12 Chinese.
 Per Namoa, from Keelung, &c.—Capt. and Mrs. Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Sing Tong, and 3 children, Miss H. Smith, Messrs. Chabert, Hart-Buck, and 135 Chinese.
 Per Phra Chom Kiao, from Bangkok, &c.—45 Chinese.
 Per Akikou Maru, from Japan, &c.—1 Chinese.
 Per Aglaia, from Singapore—17 Chinese.
 Per Malwa, from London for Hongkong—Mrs. Walker and infant, Misses Olga, Scriven, F. Heald, from Colombo, Mr. O. N. Stockley, from Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Glasbrook and child, Miss M. A. Sheldon, M.D., Glasbrook, and 20 Chinese. From London for Yokohama—Mr. and Mrs. Barbour, Staff-Surgeon and Mrs. Todd, Misses Dawson, H. B. Spicer, and Evans. From Singapore—Mr. W. E. Newham, from Penang for Nagsaki, Mr. and Mrs. Schiller, from London for Hongkong, Mr. H. B. Clayton, from Hongkong for Hongkong, Mr. A. A. Hogg, and Mr. Whitlam, from Singapore—Mr. S. Nicholson.
 Per Ancona, from Yokohama for Hongkong—Mrs. Hamilton-Sherp, Miss Lucy Martin, Mr. W. S. H. Lohrop, and 2 Chinese (decks). From Kobe—Messrs. E. Peebles, C. Nicholas, See Hing Song, 5 Chinese, a infant and boy. From Nagsaki—Mr. Nakagawa (Japanese Consul), Mrs. Nakagawa, child and a servant, Miss Grey La Mars, Mr. McCool, and a Japanese (deck). From Yokohama for London—Mr. A. Oppel, for Sydney—Dr. S. A. Gibbs.

REPORTS.
 The Russian cruiser Zablaca reports that she left Nagsaki on the 11th instant. Had strong monsoon.
 The British steamship Eze reports that she left Saigon on the 9th instant, and had strong monsoon during the passage.
 The German steamship Jacob Didriksson reports that she left Bangkok on the 4th instant. Had strong breeze and high sea.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—
 For Singapore—Per Prob to-morrow, the 16th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Saigon—Per Toyo Maru to-day, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Swatow—Per Pakhan to-day, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
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 For Manila—Per Esméralda to-morrow, the 16th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Sourabaya—Per Hesperia to-morrow, the 16th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Hilo and Pakhal—Per Triumph to-day, the instant, at 4 P.M.

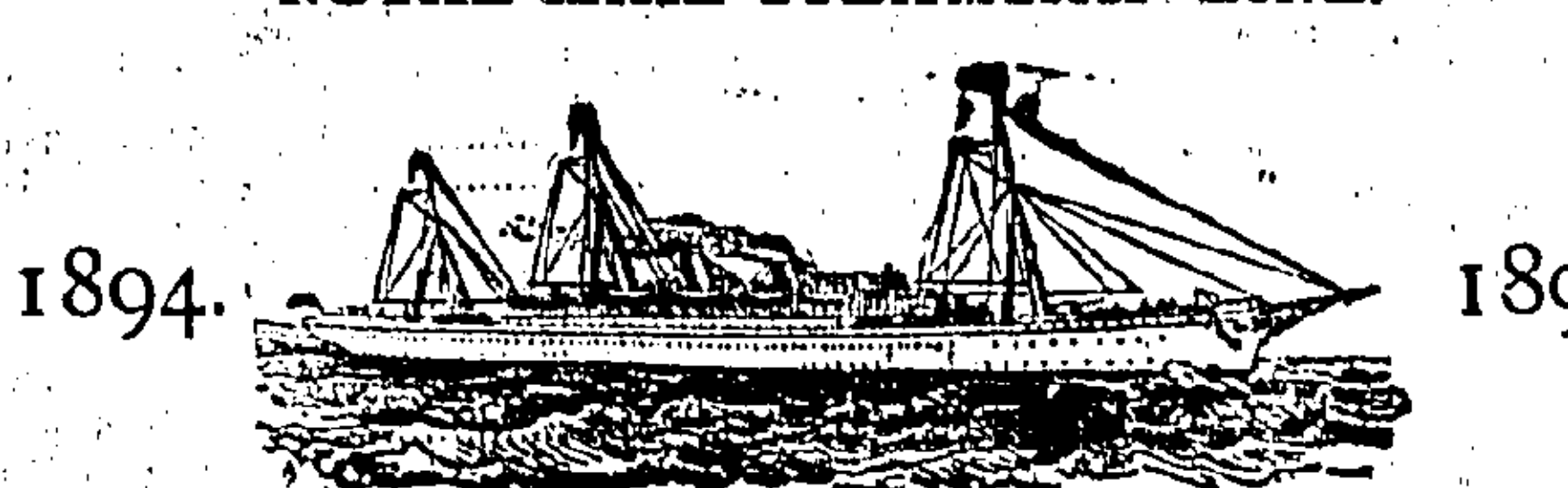
SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
 ALBERT, Norw. steamer, 451, Irgens, 10th Jan., Wuhu 5th Jan., Rice—Witler & Co.
 BANTAM, Dutch steamer, 1,457, C. J. van der Bergh, 10th Jan., Bangkok 13th July, Rice—Lauis, Wegener & Co.
 TAMBOFF, Russian steamer, 2,785, Transoaks, 17th Jan., from Singapore, General—Melchers & Co.
 CHINA, German steamer, 1,114, P. Voss, 8th Jan., Saigon 31st Dec., Rice—Melchers & Co.
 CHUSAN, German steamer, 623, W. Wendt, 11th Jan., Hilo 6th Jan., General—Tung Kee.
 DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,194, W. A. Dinse, 25th Dec., Samarang 12th Dec., Sugar—Siemens & Co.
 EMPRESS OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., and Jan. Vancouver 10th Dec., Victoria 11th, Yokohama 26th, Kobe 27th, Nagsaki 29th, and Shanghai 31st, General—C. P. R. Co.
 FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain Melissac, Hongkong Government tender.
 GOV. GENL. JACOB, Dutch steamer, 1,569, N. Kammerga, 6th Jan., East Indies (Mendol), 28th Dec., General—Lauis, Wegener & Co.
 HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,123, Will, 12th Jan., Saigon 25th Jan., W. K. and Paddy—Siemens & Co.
 MOJO, British steamer, 1,411, W. S. Thomson, 11th Jan., Moji 6th Jan., Coal—Dodwell, Caselli & Co.
 NURNBERG, German steamer, 3,207, H. Walter, 8th Jan., Nagsaki 4th Jan., Mails and General—Melchers & Co.
 PHRA NANG, British steamer, 1,221, W. H. Watton, 11th Jan., Bangkok 2nd Jan., Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PICCOLA, German steamer, 768, E. Hase, 22nd Dec., Saigon 15th Dec., Rice—Melchers & Co.
 PILOT, British steamer, 161, A. Stapan, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 POLUX, German steamer, 898, J. Gelfen, 26th Nov., Sourabaya 8th Nov., and Singapore 14th, Sugar and General—Melchers & Co.
 PRIOR, German steamer, 1,900, L. Madson, 13th Jan., Hilo 7th Jan., General—Siemens & Co.
 PROTON, German steamer, 947, H. Johannsen, 4th Jan., Moji 30th Dec., Coal—Witler & Co.
 RECORDEK, British telegraph steamer, 676, R. A. E. Erection, 19th Dec., Hilo 1st Dec., Telegraph cable—E. E. & C. Co.
 TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,762, D. Tibbott, 11th Jan., Kobe 6th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 TRIUMPH, German steamer, 675, J. Petersen, 13th Jan., Pakhal 10th Jan., and Holbow 12th, General—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
 VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,993, John Pantou, R.N.R., 9th Jan., Tacoma (Wash.), 14th Dec., General—Dodwell, Caselli & Co.
 WINGAND, British steamer, 1,571, A. St. Croix, 31st Dec., Calcutta 13th Dec., Penang 20th Dec., and Singapore 23rd, Opium and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.
 ALFRED HAWLEY, British bark, 412, W. Llewellyn, 15th Nov., Whampoa 15th November, Ballast—Order.
 ANDALANA, British ship, 2,395, Richards, 7th Jan., New York 23rd August, Petroleum—Order.
 BANGALORE, British bark, 1,100, Congdon, 4th Dec., New York 28th July, Rice—Shewan & Co.
 BASUTO, German bark, 348, H. Eggers, 14th Oct., Amoy 4th Oct., Sugar—Witler & Co.
 BEALIN, American ship, 1,572, Whitmore, 21st Nov., New York 10th June, Kerosene Oil—Order.
 CLARA JACKSON, British schooner, 33, Charles Butcher, 3rd Dec., Sydney 21st March, General—Gibb, Livingstone & Co.
 KITTY, British bark, 803, H. Wilson, 1st Dec., Whampoa 1st December, Ballast—Captain.
 LOTHIAN, Italian bark, 794, Juan B. Caffranga, 20th Nov., Callao 30th Oct., General—D. Musso & Co.
 MACMILLAN, British ship, 1,450, Robert Guthrie, 4th Dec., Cardiff 22nd July, Coal—Gordon & Co.

MARTHA BOCKHART, German ship, 726, Ed. Melnicko, 11th Oct., Philadelphia 21st May, Petroleum—Order.
 MOUNT WASHINGTON, American ship, 1,165, Louis W. Ros, 6th Jan., Kutchinotou 28th Dec., Coal—Captain.
 NAM-SUN-SUN, Chinese s.s. sch., 368, Lok Li Tung, 3rd August, Saigon 24th August, Wood—Yong Kee & Co.
 SERRANO, American bark, 596, R. G. Waterhouse, 26th Dec., Macao 23rd Dec., General—Order.
 WM. J. ROTCH, American ship, 1,664, S. Lancaster, 24th Nov., New York 23rd June, Petroleum—Melchers & Co.

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Moqui	Tuesday	March 20th.
Victoria	Tuesday	April 10th.

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